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FOLLOWING USUN 3563 SENT ACTION SECSTATE SEP 3:

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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMB. LEARSON

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-3
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SUBJECT: LOS: DAILY REPORT FOR THE SECRETARY

1. COMMITTEE I: NEGOTIATING GROUP OF C-I CONTINUED
DEBATE ON ARTICLE 22 AND CRITERIA FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON
ACCESS SHORT PROCEDURAL DEBATE ON WHAT SUBJECTS SHOULD
BE ADDRESSED DURING REMAINDER OF SESSION AND REPORTING
PROCEDURES OF THE NEGOTIATING GROUP AND WORKSHOP TO
COMMITTEE I EVIDENCED CONTINUED MALAISE IN COMMITTEE,
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UNDERCURRENT OF BELIEF THAT NOTHING FURTHER CAN BE

ACCOMPLISHED THIS SESSION, AND NO SIGNS THAT SECRETARY'S INITIATIVE S ON FINANCING ENTERPRISE, TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND REVIEW CONFERENCE CONCEPT WILL BE SUBJECT TO OPEN CONSIDERATION IN THE COMMITTEE.

2. TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED THAT WORKSHOP WILL TAKE UP ASSEMBLY AND COUNCIL ISSUES MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK. GROUP OF FIVE MEETING IS SCHEDULED FRIDAY TO REVIEW POSSIBLE CHANGES TO US ARTICLE ON COUNCIL BEFORE IT IS CIRCULATED INFORMALLY NEXT WEEK. PRIVATE CONTACTS INSIST THAT AMERASINGHE NOT PLANNING TO ISSUE NEW COMMITTEE I TEXT AND THAT HE WAS TALKED OUT OF IDEA BY GROUP OF 77 LEADERSHIP. OTHER EVIDENCE BELIES THIS VIEW.

3. COMMITTEE II: COMMITTEE II SMALL GROUP CONTINUED NEGOTIATIONS ON LEGAL STATUS OF ECONOMIC ZONE IN WHAT HAS BEEN BILLED AS A FINAL SESSION. DISCUSSIONS FOCESSED ON PROPOSALS BY URUGUAY, UAE, AND PERU ON ARTICLES 44 AND 46 WHICH WERE CHARACTERIZED BY AUSTRALIA AS A BASIS FOR A FINAL SOLUTION. ARTICLE 75, THE HIGH SEAS STATUS ARTICLE, HOWEVER, WAS NOT DISCUSSED, AND THE UK AND USSR WERE CAUTIONS ON 44 AND 46 PENDING A SOLUTION OF THAT PROBLEM. MOVEMENT WAS, HOWEVER, AWAY FROM A FLAT "HIGH SEAS" CHARACTERIZATION OF THE ZONE. FURTHER MEETINGS WILL NOW BE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK.

4. COMMITTEE III: CHAIRMAN YANKOV HELD SMALL PRIVATE MEETING ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WITH FIFTEEN HEADS OF DELEGATION. RESULT WAS DEMISE OF CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSED COMPROMISE TEXT WHIXH WE VIEWED AS MORE COASTAL ORIENTED THAN RSNT. MEXICO MADE NEW PROPOSAL WHICH BLURRED QUESTION OF OVERALL CONSENT CONCEPT AND HAD LIST OF SPECIFIED CRITERIA FOR ALLOWING COASTAL STATE TO DENY CONSENT. AUSTRALIA ANALYZED SITUATION STATING THAT THER WAS NO REAL DIFFERENCE ON CRITERIA FOR DENYING CONSENT AND THAT ONLY PROBLEM REMAINING WAS PURELY JURIDICAL QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT THERE SHOULD BE A CONSENT CONCEPT. HE SAID THERE MUST BE WAYS TO SOLVE THAT ISSUE. CHAIRMAN ADJOURNED MEETING AND ENCOURAGED AUSTRALIA

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AND MEXICO TO CONSULT WITH OTHERS TO FIND COMPROMISE.
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